



**MCC**<sup>®</sup>

METROPOLITAN  
COMMUNITY CHURCH  
OF THE LEHIGH VALLEY

**Sunday, April 27, 2014**  
**2nd Easter**

So There's No Partiality  
With God Yet Why Is  
The World So Partial?

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**The Mission of MCCLV is to call all people to a holy life in  
Christ, changing lives and transforming the world**

## **MCC LEHIGH VALLEY ORDER OF SERVICE**

As you prepare for worship, take a few moments to reflect on the current state of your relationship with God. Is the communication channel completely open and free of any cross-traffic that might interfere with your ability to hear from God? What do you need to let go of, so that you may let God take control? Close your eyes, take a deep breath and let worship begin for you...

**Opening Song**

**Call to Worship**

**Invitation to Ministry**

**A Time of Praise (3 Songs)**

**Prayer Preparation Song**

**Prayer**

**Scripture Reading**

**Children's Blessing**

**Live Boldly**

**Message**

**Song of Response**

**Offering**

**Offering Song**

**Communion**

**Communion Song**

**Prayer Over Gifts**

**Closing Song**

**Commission & Blessing**

## NOTES FROM THE MCCLV

# office

**Administrative Assistant Paula Merkel**

**Office Hours:**

Monday: 8am-2pm

Tues-Thurs: 8am-1pm

Fri: 8am-12 noon

**Looking for low-cost space for you birthday party or family celebration? Consider MCCLV's Fellowship Hall for your gathering!** Contact Administrative Assistant Paula Merkel at 610-709-8800 or e-mail [office@mcclv.org](mailto:office@mcclv.org) for more information.

### **Sunday Bulletin & Announcements**

The deadline for all bulletin notices & announcements is **Wednesday at noon** – email to [office@mcclv.org](mailto:office@mcclv.org)

**Space Reservation:** Any individual or group wishing to schedule a meeting or event at the church **is required to fill out a space reservation form**. Write to [office@mcclv.org](mailto:office@mcclv.org) more information.

**Audio-Visual Support:** Anyone planning an event at MCCLV **is required to see Music & Worship Director Brian Jones** in advance to arrange any needed AV support. The church may not be able to honor last minute requests.

### **MCCLV IS ON FACEBOOK!**

Search **MCC Lehigh Valley**. All MCCLV related posts and tags will be approved through the office.  
Thank you for your cooperation!





## **UPCOMING WORSHIP AT MCCLV**

**3rd Easter: May 4th, 2014 @ 10:30am**

Scripture Reading: Luke 24:13-35

Preaching: Rev. Bob Life

Sermon Title: **"Road to Emmaus"**

**4th Easter: May 11th, 2014 @ 10:30am**

Scripture Readings: Exodus 35:30-35, 36:1-5

Preaching: Rev Elizabeth Goudy

Sermon Title: **"Supporting Cast: Bezalel"**

**5th Easter: May 18, 2014 @ 10:30am**

Scripture Reading: Ruth 4:1-10

Preaching: Rev. Elizabeth Goudy

Sermon Title: **"Supporting Cast: Boaz"**

**6th Easter: May 25, 2014 @ 10:30am**

Scripture Reading: Judges 4:1-10

Preaching: Rev. Elizabeth Goudy

Sermon Title: **"Supporting Cast: Deborah"**

**7th Easter: June 1st, 2014 @ 10:30am**

Scripture Reading: Joshua 2:1-14

Preaching: Rev. Elizabeth Goudy

Sermon Title: **"Supporting Cast: Rahab"**

**Pentecost Sunday: June 8th, 2014 @ 10:30am**

Scripture Reading: Acts 2:1-21

Preaching: Rev. Delores P. Berry

## MCCLV 30th ANNIVERSARY BANQUET



**Saturday, May 31, 2014**  
**5:00 to 9:00 p.m.**

*Chicago Restaurant and Nightlife*  
*1179 Airport Road, Allentown*

Cocktail Hour (cash bar)

Dinner

Penne pasta or linguini in a cream sauce with  
sautéed mushrooms, onions and asparagus

OR

Panko encrusted, butterflied chicken breast topped  
with creamy mushroom garlic sauce and served  
with sides of rosemary garlic mashed potatoes and  
sautéed green beans

*Dance party with DJ Daniel Alonzo*

TICKETS: \$35 per person on or before May 15th  
\$40 per person after May 15th

**NO TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE DOOR**

See Cheryl Wenhold after service in the  
Fellowship Hall (until 12:30 p.m.) to purchase your tickets or  
email her at [cwenhold@ptd.net](mailto:cwenhold@ptd.net)



## **Do You Want to Help People Living With HIV/AIDS?**



MCCLV is looking for a person to coordinate the church's participation in the annual FACT Games, an event that helps raise funds for people living with HIV/AIDS. The event includes fun games like a pie-eating contest and relay races. The MCCLV FACT Games coordinator will be responsible for gathering together a team and organizing participation in this special fundraiser. To joyfully serve in this position, see Rev. Goudy or e-mail [rev.goudy@mcclv.org](mailto:rev.goudy@mcclv.org)

## **Do You Play An Instrument?**

If you are proficient in Guitar or Bass MCCLV's Joyful Noise Worship Band is looking for you! The Band rehearses weekly on Thursdays @ 7pm during Lent. Contact Brian Jones for more information



## **MCCLV Pastor To Serve As Clergy Wellbeing Coach**



MCCLV Pastor Beth Goudy has been invited to serve as a Clergy Wellbeing Coach for the denomination of Metropolitan Community Churches. After training, Rev. Goudy will assist in providing pastoral care for clergy, will help in offering programs on developing clergy wellbeing and will serve as an advocate for

clergy who are struggling with spiritual, emotional, addiction or other health issues. Rev. Goudy's service will take place within the Office of Leadership & Development, administered by the Clergy Wellbeing Coordinator.

*I can do everything  
through Christ who gives me strength*

*Philippians 4:13*

### **Earn Money for MCCLV Shopping at AmazonSmile**

AmazonSmile is a simple and automatic way to support MCCLV at no cost. To shop at AmazonSmile go to [www.smile.amazon.com](http://www.smile.amazon.com) and 0.5% of any product marked "Eligible for AmazonSmile donation" will be donated to MCCLV. Those with an existing Amazon account, can continue to use that same account on AmazonSmile. First time visitors to [www.smile.amazon.com](http://www.smile.amazon.com) will need to select a charitable organization to receive donations. MCCLV is listed as "**MCC of the Lehigh Valley**" and will be remembered so that all future purchases made at AmazonSmile will result in a donation to MCCLV. Questions, please see any member of the Board. Again, it's "**MCC of the Lehigh Valley**."



### **Retirees Gatherings**

Retirees meet the 2nd and 4th Tuesday. Come and share some "golden" time with similarly blessed retirees!



For more information, contact  
Karl Steiner, [karl.steiner@mcclv.org](mailto:karl.steiner@mcclv.org) or  
Elaine Ely, [pastor\\_elaine@yahoo.com](mailto:pastor_elaine@yahoo.com)



Bringing Christian Traditions Into Dialogue  
**HERE AT MCCLV IN 2014!**

The  
Convergence  
Project

Meets every Sunday morning at MCCLV through May 11 at 9:00 AM, facilitated by Robert Schotter, robdean@ptd.net

**Sunday May 4 2014:** Who Wants to be 'Respectable' Anyway?"  
Reading Scripture from the Margins

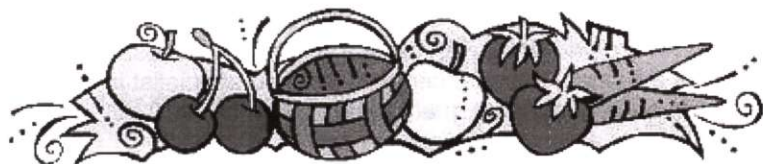
**Sunday May 11, 2014:** Talk Back and Wrapping Up

### Want to Know More About MCCLV?

Learn about the blessings that your church is experiencing right now at a Congregational Forum on **Sunday, May 4**. The gathering will start with a **Potluck Meal at 12:00PM**, followed by the **Forum from 12:30-2:00PM**. Strategic goals will be reviewed, along with updated financial information. All are welcome, no need to be a church member. Thank you in advance for all that you have done so far in 2014 to glorify God through MCCLV - your time, talent and treasure really do make a difference!







### **Do You Want to Help Feed Hungry People?**

MCCLV's annual Free Market fresh food outreach to the neighborhood comes up in September. A Coordinator is needed to serve in this important position that feeds a hungry corner of the Lehigh Valley.

What kind of responsibilities does the coordinator have? The coordinator organizes four weekly trips to the local Farmer's Market for Saturday sell-off, schedules volunteers for the Sunday food give-away and leaflets the neighborhood with the dates & times of the Free Market.

To gladly take on this position, see Rev. Goudy or e-mail [rev.goudy@mcclv.org](mailto:rev.goudy@mcclv.org)



### **MCCLV IS ON YOUTUBE!**

To view and subscribe to our channel go to [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com) and search **MCC LV**.

### **MCCLV Drumming Meets Twice a Month**

MCCLV drumming is held the 3rd and 4th Sundays at 1:00PM. Bring your drum or other percussion instruments. See Kate Rickson - ([k.rickson55@gmail.com](mailto:k.rickson55@gmail.com)) for more information.



## DEALING WITH THE PAIN OF A LOSS?

Loss and grief are part of life, but can be difficult to process alone. Elaine Ely is a trained, experienced and certified specialist in the area of end-of-life issues, loss and grief, being hosted by MCCLV. Her current hours at the church are:

**Wednesdays from 11:30 am to 2:30 pm**

(other hours can be arranged upon request).

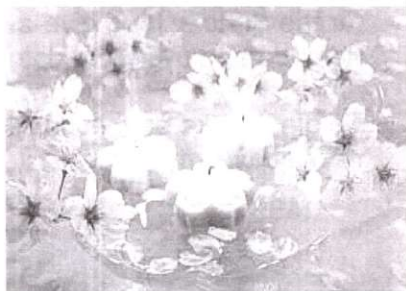
For a single consultation or on-going counseling, reach her at [elaine.ely.pastor@gmail.com](mailto:elaine.ely.pastor@gmail.com) or 215-915-4370.



Also, watch for details on an up-coming workshop: "Facing Grief - Yours and Other's", and a 6 week support group series to be offered this fall.

## Remembrances....

Looking for loving or thoughtful memories of a mother, father or veteran. MCCLV would like to use them for upcoming Listserve emails. They can be signed or anonymous. Email [office@mcclv.org](mailto:office@mcclv.org) or provide a written copy to the office.



## Early Morning Prayer

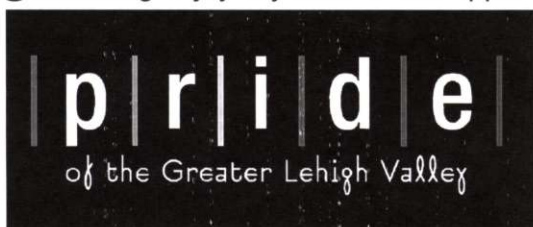
*What if you could pick up the phone any time you wanted and talk with the most powerful leader or most famous celebrity in the world? Multiply that concept by a million, skip the phone and you're connected to God. WOW! What an amazing gift we are given, 24/7, with the Creator.*

Every Sunday at 8AM, MCCLV gathers to converse with God. Come and be blessed as you connect with God through conversational and silent prayer. It truly is an amazing 45 minutes that will start your week with real power. For more information, contact Karl Steiner, [karl.steiner@mcclv.org](mailto:karl.steiner@mcclv.org)



## **Are You An Organized Person?**

MCCLV is looking for a person to coordinate the church's participation in the annual Pride Festival in August. It is preferred that persons interested in the position have event-planning experience. However, those with no experience but possessing high energy are encouraged to consider it. MCCLV's Pride Coordinator is responsible for creating a church booth, KidSpace and scheduling volunteers for the booth and KidSpace. This is a short-term, high commitment position. See Rev. Goudy or e-mail [rev.goudy@mcclv.org](mailto:rev.goudy@mcclv.org) to joyfully take on this opportunity!!



## **Prayers Needed?**

Individual Intercessory Prayer for people in need

**11:30am-12:20pm Sundays  
Prayer Room**



Led by the Deacons



## **Did You Know?**

Did you know your church will be serving as a polling place this year? For the May and November elections, MCCLV is proud to serve the greater community in this way. Don't forget to vote May 20!





### Food Pantry

Contributions are always needed for MCCLV's Food Pantry, bring in a donation whenever you are able. Volunteers are also needed for the Pantry.

Contact Judy McNally via e-mail at:  
njm0@lehigh.edu

## - - 20s30s Meets THIS Friday! - -

Are you in your 20s or 30s? Looking for some fun and fellowship? Would you like to connect with others in your age group? Join the fabulous 20s30s crew at their regular gatherings at **7pm on the first Friday of every month at MCCLV**. It's a great place to meet others with common goals and kindred spiritual journeys.

For details contact Scott George e-mail:  
smgmccclv@gmail.com



### Policy & Procedure Committee Forming

All strong organizations run smoothly with clear policies and procedures in place. Do you have a heart for ensuring the safety of our children? Do you believe in the benefits of Direct Dealing? Would you like to help equip MCCLV with the proper tools to protect our congregants, staff, and building? If so, join in **TODAY**, right after worship in the sanctuary, for the first **Policy and Procedure Committee** meeting.

For more information, please see or  
contact **Lauren Sheldon**  
laureneshedon@gmail.com or  
**Emma Marrero**  
emma.marrero@kidspeace.org





## 9-Session Bible Study Starts May 21

Starting in May, MCCLV will host an in-depth study of Paul's Letters to the Romans and Corinthians. The studies will be led by Rev. Goudy and people from all levels of Biblical background are invited to take part. The Romans study is titled *"Why Do Evangelicals Love Romans So Much They Want to Marry It?"*



The 1 Corinthians study is titled *"A Conflicted Church"* and the 2 Corinthians study is titled *"A Conflicted Church, Continued."* All are welcome and warmly encouraged to grow in Biblical knowledge, wisdom and interpretation. For more information contact the Pastor at [rev.goudy@mcclv.org](mailto:rev.goudy@mcclv.org) or 610-709-8800. Schedule:

May 21 at 7pm: Romans 1-4  
May 28 @ 7pm: Romans 5-8  
June 4 @ 7pm: Romans 9-12  
June 11 @ 7pm: Romans 13-16  
June 18 @ 7pm: 1 Corinthians 1-6  
June 25 @ 7pm: 1 Corinthians 7-10  
July 2 @ 7pm: 1 Corinthians 11-16  
July 9 @ 7pm: 2 Corinthians 1-7:4  
July 16 @ 7pm: 2 Corinthians 7:5-13

### HIV Positive Support Group

A HIV support group at MCCLV meets the **2nd Sunday of each month at 12:30pm.**

The focus is on living a positive life with HIV—the group is called HIV/Positive Living. This will be a chance to share and have candid discussions. This group is limited to those with HIV, but there will be occasional guest speakers. If you are interested, please contact **Dean Hiatt** at [robdean@ptd.net](mailto:robdean@ptd.net)



**FORGE** A stronger relationship with Christ and one another—join a FORGE group!

A FORGE group is **not** a Bible study, Christian training session, group therapy, nor a doctrinal boot camp.

A FORGE group is a small, relational gathering of Christians, primarily focused on **transformation** and not information, where people learn how to interpret their entire lives through the lens of gospel and grow in faith in Christ.

Groups meet every other week for one hour—for worship, prayer, devotionals, testimonies and fellowship. Although groups are spread out geographically (South, East and West) to make them easier to get to, you may attend whichever group you choose, even if it is not the one nearest you.



Contact group leaders to learn more.



**FORGE East Leaders:**

Barb Baus [babaus@hotmail.com](mailto:babaus@hotmail.com)

Lauren Sheldon [laurenesheldon@gmail.com](mailto:laurenesheldon@gmail.com)



**FORGE West Leaders:**

Scott George [smgmccclv@gmail.com](mailto:smgmccclv@gmail.com)

Ron Smith [rsmith.mccclv@gmail.com](mailto:rsmith.mccclv@gmail.com)



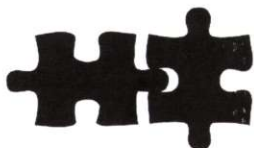
**FORGE South Leaders:**

Loreli Bauer [lorelibauer@aol.com](mailto:lorelibauer@aol.com)

Elaine Ely [pastor\\_elaine@yahoo.com](mailto:pastor_elaine@yahoo.com)



MCCLV's **Altar Guild** is looking for people who have an eye for design, a heart for good flow and a mind that likes to make sure all the pieces of a puzzle come together.



If that is you,  
email  
Normana Schaaf



#### A QUOTE FOR YOUR WEEK

**In youth we learn;  
in age we understand**

(Marie von Ebner-Eschenbach)

#### **Boldly Going...**



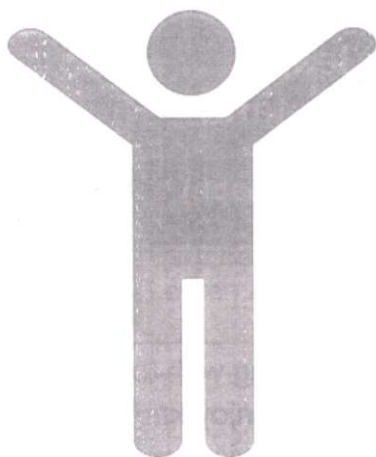
Do you like playing with the latest techy gadget or enjoy knowing how new electronic devices work? MCCLV's Tech Squad could be the place to put your tech-hobby to practical use. Learn how to run MCCLV's multi robotic camera system or how to create the best

sound for the sanctuary and how to keep the worship services flow going using the screens. If you would like to know more contact Jeff Hayes at: [ateam@mcclv.org](mailto:ateam@mcclv.org)

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**Do you know someone who is in need  
of some spirituality?**

**Ask the person to attend an event or program  
with you at MCCLV. Forward them one of the  
church's e-Listserve writings.**



**Invite the person to MCCLV  
for Sunday morning worship!**

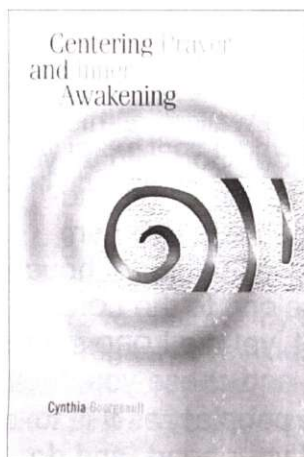
**Don't think MCCLV is a fit for  
the person? Encourage them  
to attend worship at *ANY*  
church.**

**Spirituality may be a GREAT  
help and sustenance in  
people's lives!**

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## Helpful Book For Prayer



Are you looking for a different way to pray? Centering Prayer starts at MCCLV **May 21 at 6pm** and will meet weekly on Wednesdays. All are welcome to take part! While it is not required, it would be helpful if participants read Cynthia Bourgeault's book *Centering Prayer and Inner Awakening*. The book is engaging and has been a very a very effective resource for a number of MCCLV church members.

## Calling All Readers!

Do you enjoy reading novels in a variety of genres? Your help is needed! MCCLV Pastor Elizabeth Goudy will have a rough draft of her book prepared following her sabbatical months of August-September, 2014. A group is needed to read through the manuscript in October, 2014. This is a short-term activity but will require a high level of commitment and focus. If you are willing to serve in this capacity, talk with the Pastor following worship or contact [rev.goudy@mcclv.org](mailto:rev.goudy@mcclv.org). Also, if you have experience with the publishing industry or using the services of a literary agent, see the Pastor.



## **Today's Scripture Readings:**

### **Deuteronomy 10:12-22**

So now, O Israel, what does the LORD your God require of you? Only to fear the LORD your God, to walk in all his ways, to love him, to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, and to keep the commandments of the LORD your God and his decrees that I am commanding you today, for your own well-being. Although heaven and the heaven of heavens belong to the LORD your God, the earth with all that is in it, yet the LORD set his heart in love on your ancestors alone and chose you, their descendants after them, out of all the peoples, as it is today. Circumcise, then, the foreskin of your heart, and do not be stubborn any longer. For the LORD your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who is not partial and takes no bribe, who executes justice for the orphan and the widow, and who loves the strangers, providing them with food and clothing. You shall also love the stranger, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt. You shall fear the LORD your God; him alone you shall worship; to him you shall hold fast, and by his name you shall swear. He is your praise; he is your God, who has done for you these great and awesome things that your own eyes have seen. Your ancestors went down to Egypt seventy persons; and now the LORD your God has made you as numerous as the stars in heaven.

## Psalm 140

Deliver me, O LORD, from evildoers;  
protect me from those who are violent,  
who plan evil things in their minds  
and stir up wars continually.  
They make their tongue sharp as a snake's,  
and under their lips is the venom of vipers.

Guard me, O LORD, from the hands of the wicked;  
protect me from the violent  
who have planned my downfall.  
The arrogant have hidden a trap for me,  
and with cords they have spread a net;  
along the road they have set snares for me.

I say to the LORD, 'You are my God;  
give ear, O LORD, to the voice of my supplications.'  
O LORD, my Lord, my strong deliverer,  
you have covered my head in the day of battle.  
Do not grant, O LORD, the desires of the wicked;  
do not further their evil plot.

Those who surround me lift up their heads;  
let the mischief of their lips overwhelm them!  
Let burning coals fall on them!  
Let them be flung into pits, no more to rise!  
Do not let the slanderer be established in the land;  
let evil speedily hunt down the violent!

I know that the LORD maintains the cause of the needy,  
and executes justice for the poor.  
Surely the righteous shall give thanks to your name;  
the upright shall live in your presence.

## **MCCLV's Weekly 2014 Budgeted for Giving is \$3,916.98**

Date	Attendance	Giving
4/20/2014 (Easter)	124	\$3,338.53
4/18/2014 (Good Friday)	71	\$507.00
4/17/2014 (Holy Thursday)	44	\$220.37
04/13/2014 (Palm Sunday)	99	\$1,764.73

Full financial reporting is provided at the Board meeting on the 2nd Sunday of every month. All are welcome to attend. Additionally, reports may be viewed in the Board binder in the Library.

### **MCCLV MINISTRY COORDINATORS**

#### **Congregational Care & Health:**

**Karl Steiner | [karl.steiner@mcclv.org](mailto:karl.steiner@mcclv.org)**

20s30s Ministry, Faith Community Nurse, Hospitality, Prayer Team and Reconciliation & Affirmation Ministry

#### **Spiritual Formation:**

**Robert Schotter | [robdean@ptd.net](mailto:robdean@ptd.net)**

Small Group Discipleship, Spiritual Growth Programming and Children & Youth Ministry

#### **Outreach & Justice:**

**See Rev. Goudy for more information**

Evangelism, Free Market, Silent Witness, Food Bank, Messengers Art Ministry and Helping Hands Ministry

#### **Media & Marketing:**

**See Rev. Goudy for more information**

Communications and Marketing Ministry

#### **Denominational Representatives:**

Lay Delegates Hope Hilby and Normana Schaaf

### **MCCLV BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Sue Carpenter, Jim Harbst, Diana LaTorre,

Emma Marrero, Lauren Sheldon and Ron Smith

**If you would like an item included on the Board agenda  
see any Board Member**

### **MCCLV DEACONS**

Loreli Bauer, Maricel Concepcion, Clarence Freed, Hope Hilby, Jessica Mitchell, Normana Schaaf, Karl Steiner and Carol Stevens

### **MCCLV STAFF**

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